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ORGANIZATION

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SUMMARY: AS PREPARATION OF 1978 BUDGET AND FOURTH FIVE-YEAR
PLAN NEARED NOVEMBER 30 STATUTORY COMPLETION DATE, THERE
WERE PERSONNEL CHANGES AND PUBLICIZED PROTESTS WITHIN
TURKEY'S STATE PLANNING ORGANIZATION. AN OFFICIAL FROM
DEMIREL'S OFFICE WAS NAMED ACTING SPO UNDER-SECRETARY;
AN APPARENT NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) SYMPATHIZER

WAS NAMED HEAD OF ECONOMIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND ACTING HEAD OF SOCIAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT, POSITIONS LAST PERMANENTLY FILLED BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY ADHERENTS. THREE LETTERS FROM WITHIN SPO, ONE TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND TWO TO ACTING SPO UNDER-SECRETARY, HAVE PROTESTED BY-PASSING OF SPO IN FORMULATION OF NEXT FIVE-YEAR PLAN STRATEGY. CHANGES AND PROTESTS WITHIN SPO SEEM TO REFLECT POLITICAL COMPROMISES BETWEEN DEMIREL AND ERBAKAN THROUGHOUT PROCESS OF DEVELOPING PLAN AND 1978 BUDGET AND PROGRAM. THESE COMPROMISES, WHICH ARE APPARENTLY IMPORTANT TO FUNCTIONING OF COALITION, WERE MADE WITHOUT CONSULTING SPO TECHNICIANS, WHOSE PREDOMINANTLY SOCIALIST AND SECULARIST LEANINGS TEND TO CONFLICT WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S POLICY, INCLUDING ERBAKAN'S "SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT" OBJECTIVES. (REFTELS). END SUMMARY.

1. ON NOVEMBER 9 MUSTAFA ERNAM WAS NAMED ACTING SPO UNDER-SECRETARY. HE REPLACED KEMAL CANTURK, SPO UNDER-SECRETARY SINCE 1973, WHO WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT KORUTURK AS A CONTINGENT SENATOR, OCTOBER 22. ERNAM REMAINS DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, APPARENTLY IN DEMIREL'S SECTION. SPO SOURCES INDICATE THAT ERNAM WILL HEAD SPO FOR ONE MONTH ONLY.

2. ALSO ON NOVEMBER 9, TALIP ALP WAS NAMED HEAD OF SPO ECONOMIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT, A POST LAST PERMANENTLY HELD BY HIKMET CETIN, WHO WAS ELECTED RPP DEPUTY FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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ISTANBUL, JUNE 5. SEVERAL SOURCES, SOME WITHIN SPO, INDICATE THAT ALP IS CLOSE TO NSP.

3. ON NOVEMBER 11, ICEN BORTUCENE, HEAD OF SPO SOCIAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT, WAS DISMISSED BY ERNAM ON THE EVE OF FIRST HIGH PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING SINCE LAST APRIL. BORTUCENE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL RPP CANDIDATE IN JUNE ELECTION. IN A LETTER TO DEMIREL, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN RPP-ORIENTED MILLIYET AND OTHER LEFT-OF-CENTER PAPERS, BORTUCENE STATED THAT PLAN STRATEGY DRAFT PRESENTED UNDER SPO LETTERHEAD TO HIGH PLANNING COUNCIL NOVEMBER 12 WAS NOT PREPARED BY SPO, BUT "BEHIND CLOSED DOORS." (SEE REFTTEL A) TALIP ALP HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING HEAD OF SOCIAL PLANNING.

4. PLAN STRATEGY WAS APPROVED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, NOVEMBER 16. ON NOVEMBER 26, ACTING SPO CHIEF ERNAM REPORTEDLY DIRECTED THAT PLAN DRAFT BE COMPLETED BY NOON, NOVEMBER 28, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED STRATEGY. THIS PRODUCED OUTCRY AMONG SPO EXPERTS WHO CLAIMED THAT PLAN MUST THEREFORE BE PREPARED IN ONE DAY, WHILE PROPER PREPARATION WOULD REQUIRE ONE TO THREE MONTHS. TWO

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OFFICIALS RESIGNED. IN MEMO TO ERNAM, QUOTED AT
LENGTH BY BOTH PRO-GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION PAPERS,
RESEARCH GROUP HEAD EROL IMRE WARNED THAT ERNAM WAS
ACTING OUTSIDE SPO LAW AND NATIONAL CONSTITUTION IN
DIRECTING PREPARATION OF PLAN IN MANNER THAT DOES NOT
PERMIT ADEQUATE CARE. IMRE'S WORDS WERE ECHOED
BY RPP LEADER ECEVIT IN NOVEMBER 29 SPEECH.
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5. AS REPORTED ONLY IN RPP-ORIENTED MILLIYET: ON NOVEMBER 25 IN A LETTER TO ERNAM, ALL SPO DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION CHIEFS, EXCEPT TALIP ALP, STATED THAT DRAFT DISCUSSED AT NOVEMBER 12 HIGH PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING WAS NOT SPO'S DRAFT, AND DISCLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT DRAFT; ON NOVEMBER 29 IN ANOTHER LETTER TO ERNAM, TWENTY EXPERTS IN SPO SOCIAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT STATED THAT SOCIAL PLAN DRAFT SUBMITTED AT NOON, NOVEMBER 28, WAS DRAFT THEY HAD BEEN PREPARING SINCE MARCH, AND THAT IT DID NOT REFLECT STRATEGY APPROVED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, "AT LEAST ON A SCALE MEANINGFUL TO PLANNING AND PLANNERS."

6. COMMENT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SPO REFLECT CONFLICT BETWEEN PRESENT GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SERVANTS WHO ARE PHILOSOPHICALLY, AND OFTEN POLITICALLY, OPPOSED TO IT. DESPITE EFFORTS BY DEMIREL AND MORE RECENTLY BY ERBAKAN TO PUT SUPPORTERS IN CONTROL OF SPO, THAT ORGANIZATION HAS REMAINED UNRESPONSIVE TO POLITICAL DIRECTION BY THOSE LEADERS. TWO OBVIOUS RPP SYMPATHIZERS HAVE LEFT SPO RECENTLY, WHILE IT APPEARS THAT ERBAKAN HAS GAINED SIGNIFICANTLY IN APPOINTMENT OF TALIP ALP. WE SPECULATE THAT ERNAM IS INTERIM COMPROMISE WHO SERVES TO POSTPONE DISPUTE BETWEEN ERBAKAN AND DEMIREL OVER PERMANENT POSITION DURING CRUCIAL PERIOD OF PLAN AND BUDGET PREPARATION. ERNAM'S APPOINTMENT OF ALP, APPARENTLY AT THE DIRECTION OF DEMIREL, MAY REPRESENT A SOP TO ERBAKAN. ERNAM ALSO SERVES QUITE EFFECTIVELY IN IMPOSING GOVERNMENT CONTROL OVER PLAN CONTENT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO PRESERVATION OF COMPROMISES ON BUDGET AND PLAN, PRESUMABLY FORMULATED BETWEEN DEMIREL AND ERBAKAN (REFTELS). THESE COMPROMISES ARE APPARENTLY MORE IMPORTANT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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